1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Isoptin HCL (Verapamil HCL)	Kg.	5100	16478640	Kg.	5200.00	18604680
Neomycin Sulphate . . .	Kg.	1077.54	833375	Kg.	8974.84	11903581
Oxethazine	Kg.	2985	19858807	Kg.	2415.00	8268794
Panthenol D	Kg.	11505	3113770	Kg.	16650.00	4658685
Pantothenate Na & Ca . .	Kg.	67560	15802457	Kg.	72400.00	16542872
Pentazocine BASF/HCL . .	Kg.	245	4663009	Kg.	1452.50	26349614
Polymixin	Mv.	15000	121296	Mu.	1268780	8143187
Primaquin Phosphate . .	Kg.	360	1309562	Kg.	650.00	1326681
Pyrimethamine	Kg.	1900	792020	Kg.	2175.00	897829
Salazosulfa Pyridine . . .	Kg.	3750	5275744	Kg.	5000.00	6471658
Sulphadoxine	Kg.	37177	28677230	Kg.	18893.50	21373276
Triamcinolone & its Salts .	Kg.	832.40	8699622	Kg.	345.20	9836884
Triamterene]				Kg.	4040.00	1896917
Trimepramine Maleate . .	Kg.	450	2659087	Kg.	865.00	5900603

Prices of Betamethasone and its sate

3094. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 142 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th July, 1992 and state:

(a) What were the prices, of Betamethasone and its salts before 2nd January, 1989 and what were the prices as notified on 2nd January, 1989;

(b) what were the prices as recommended by BJCP after 1984 from time to time for Betamethasone and its salts;

(c) whether it is a fact that BICP recommended lower prices as compared to Murthy Committee;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether it is a fact that Government propose to review the findings of the Murthy Committee; and

(f) if so, when and what action was taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The prices of Betamethasone and its salts before 2.1.1989 and the prices, notified on 2.1.1989 are given hereunder:—

Name of the Bulk Drug	Price before 2.1.1989	Price notified on 2.1.1989
Betamethasone Alcohol	127.70	144.19
Betamethasone Valerate	122.00	136.58
Betamethasone Di-Sodium Phosphate	135.00	144.58

(b) to (d) The BICP submitted its report in June, 1990, to the Department recommending the continuation of the prices notified in January, 1989 which were based on the recommendations of Murthy Committee.

(e) and (f) The recommendations made by Murthy Committee on prices of bulk drug Betamethasone and its salts were not subjected to any review subsequently.

3095. *[Transferred to the 17th August,* 1992]

Fertilizer Production in Public/private and Co-operative Sector

3096. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:
SHRI VENOD SHARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total capacityof fertilizer productie e Sector Plants every yea

(b) what is the percentage of capacity utilisation in these plants during the last three years;

(c) the reasons for low capacity utili sation in Public Sector plants specially FCI; and

(d) what steps have been taken to improve production of fertilizers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN: (a) and (b) The total capacity of fertilizer production in the public, co-operative and private sectors alongwith percentage of capacity utilisation, during the last three years is given in the Statement. *(See* below).

(c) The low capacity utilisation of the loss making uints in the public sector is mainly due to design deficiencies, the ageing of many of the plants, power problems, equipment breakdown and in different industrial relations in the case of some plants In addition, in the case of the units of Fertilizer Corporation of India (FCI), coal based technology was used tor the first time in two of their units at Ramagundam and Talcher where there are equipment imbalances. and design deficiencies; power supply in these units are also erratic, besides power cuts in Ramagundam for about four to five months in a year. The quality of coal and severe liquidity pro blems have also affected the performance of the FCI units.

(d) Some of the steps taken/being taken are: —

(i) captive power plants have been set up in all the units of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited and the Talcher unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India;

(ii) assistance is being provided in arranging for essential inputs;

(iii) Replacement/renewal of equip-ments,;

(iv) Constant monitoring by prevtn-tive and predictive maintenance;

(v) Trainng of Operators and Tech-nicians.